Objectives of Vividha Programmes

847. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the objectives of Vividha (Hindi and English) programme at present and those conceived at the time of inception of National Channel of All India Radio;

(b) the reasons for dropping Presenters from Vividha (Hindi) and continuing them in Vividha (English); and

(c) by when the services of Hindi Presenters in Vividha will, be taken/ resumed on National Channel, All India Radio?

THEMINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) TTie objectives of Programme Vividha (Hindi & English) since its inception till date are to provide both information and entertainment at the same time. The canvas of both Vividha (English/Hindi) is the social and cultural landscape of our country. Information regarding different states of the country, their socioeconomic development and cultural achievements (festival, fairs etc.) are highlighted.

(b) The reasons for dropping Vividha (Hindi) Presenters is to make optimum use of Hindi Staff Announcers of national Channel. The reasons for not dropping Vividha (English) Presenters is that National Channel at present has no English announcers on its staff.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

Flouting of Indecent Exposure of Women Act

848. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the provisions of Indecent Exposure of Women Act are being flouted by print and visual media;

(b) if so, the reasons for Government being unable to keep a watch and check it;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain foreign-TV channels are doing it with impunity; and

(d) if so, whether Government will put a ban on it?